



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2222-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Kouji MATSUO et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2814
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Application No.: 10/815,932	)	Examiner: Rao, Shrinivas H.
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Filed: April 2, 2004	)	Confirmation No. 9409
	)	
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	)	
AND METHOD OF	)	
MANUFACTURING THE SAME	)	

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 11, 2006, the period for response to which extends through December 11, 2006, Applicants submit this Amendment, concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. This Amendment fulfills the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks that follow:

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.